

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Current Texas law does not authorize the court to provide for the award of expenses in addition to attorney's fees in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship. H.B. 887 authorizes the payment of judgment and postjudgment interest directly to the attorney.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 106.002, Family Code, as follows:

Sec. 106.002. New heading: ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES. (a) Authorizes the court, in a suit under this title, to render judgment for, rather than order, reasonable attorney's fees and expenses and to order the judgment and postjudgment interest, rather than fees, to be paid directly to an attorney.

(b) Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

Makes application of this Act prospective.